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McCone Shaking Up CIA, Shifting Official Who Guided Cuban Fiasco

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Director John McCone is taking full advantage of the overwhelming confirmation vote given him by the Senate to quietly shake up the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency.



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As a headline-making starter, he has won President Kennedy's approval to transfer to another agency the CIA's No. 3 man, Richard Bissell, who masterminded the Cuban invasion fiasco.

The unexpected departure of Bissell, an economist and former head of the Mutual Security Agency who joined the CIA five years ago, comes in the wake of last month's sudden retirement of Deputy CIA Director Charles Cabell. He was the agency's No. 2 man and the father of the U-2 plane operation.

TO FILL THESE strategic CIA command positions, McCone is considering a number of top-flight military men, including:

VICE ADM. JOHN T. HAYWARD, deputy chief of Naval operations for development, who

is under orders to become commander of the Navy's Carrier Division 2.

LT. GEN. ARTHUR G. TRUDEAU, outspoken Army research chief and former head of Army Intelligence.

LT. GEN. C. V. R. SCHUYLER, (USA-ret.), commissioner in the office of general services, New York State's Civil Defense Commission, and a CIA consultant.

LT. GEN. JOSEPH CARROLL, Air Force, head of the new Defense Intelligence Agency.

WHEN THE CIA was given the Cuban assignment by former President Eisenhower, Bissell was put in charge of liaison with the Cuban exiles who later made the invasion.

Bissell set up training camps, some disguised as cattle ranches, in Guatemala and Nicaragua. He also got the CIA to put up \$40 million for the covert operation and helped select as invasion leader Captain Manuel Arttime, who had been with Castro in the Sierra Maestra but later broke with him.

According to White House Records, Bissell put forward the final argument that convinced the President the invasion should be undertaken. As the CIA "case officer" for the operation, Bissell argued that the Cuban rebels were at a peak in training and determination. He took the position it was "now or never."